

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF ATKINSON



RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, REPORTS,
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR
ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1914.

AMESBURY:
Amesbury Daily News Print
1914

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OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER TOWN CLERK, COLLECTOR OF TAXES, HIGHWAY AGENTS AND
BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

TOWN OF ATKINSON

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15

1914

TOGETHER WITH

THE VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1913 AS
PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Jay M. Goodrich

Clerk

George A. Page

Selectmen

Eugene E. Sawyer, George B. Freeman, Abner C. Akeley

Treasurer

George A. Page

School Board

Herbert N. Sawyer, Chas. I. Pressey, Harold N. Cross

Board of Health

George B. Mason, Arthur H. Sawyer, Benn R. Heald

Constable

Walter B. Lang

Special Police

John K. Mason

George H. Moody

Auditors

Chas. I. Pressey,

George A. Sawyer

TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Atkinson qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Grange Hall in said town on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Clerk.
2. To choose by ballot and major vote three selectmen.
3. To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Treasurer.
4. To choose by ballot and major vote a Tax Collector.
5. To choose by ballot and major vote a Library Trustee.
6. To choose all other necessary town officers.
7. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for repairing highways.
8. To see if the town will vote to raise the amount required to secure State Aid for permanent road building.
9. To see if the town will vote to raise the amount required to secure State Aid for permanent road maintenance.

10. To see if the town will vote to make special repairs on the East road, and make appropriation for the same.

11. To see if the town will vote to buy a road machine, and make appropriation for the same.

12. To see if the town will vote a sum of money above that required by law for the support of the Public Library.

13. To see what action the town will take in regard to the sale of lots in the cemetery and further improvements therein, and make appropriation for the same.

14. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for all other town charges.

15. To transact any and all other business that may legally come before said meeting.

16. To hear the reports of agents, auditors or committees, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of February 1914.

EUGENE E. SAWYER,
GEORGE B. FREEMAN,
ABNER C. AKELEY,

Selectmen of Atkinson

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Valuation of resident real estate,	\$241,140 00
Valuation of non resident real estate,	57,695 00
Number of horses, non resident, 2,	175 00
Number of cows, non resident, 2,	76 00
Number of automobiles, resident real, 1,	250 00
Number of boats and launches, resident real, 1,	150 00
Valuation of stock in trade, non resident,	2,000 00
Number of horses, resident, 133,	13,775 00
Number of oxen, resident, 2,	100 00
Number of cows, resident, 324,	12,765 00
Number of neat stock, resident, 31,	820 00
Number of hogs, resident, 4,	40 00
Number of fowls, resident, 343,	260 00
Number of carriages and autos, resident, 15,	5,350 00
Number of portable mills, resident, 2,	1,000 00
Number of mills, resident, 2,	1,300 00
Number of canning factory, resident, 1,	2,000 00
Number of polls, 120,	12,000 00
Valuation of wood and lumber,	653 00
Valuation of stock in trade,	1,350 00
Valuation of power line,	5,000 00
Money at interest,	9,784 00
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	\$367,683 00

Assessed Later

Polls, 2,	\$200 00
Money at interest,	1,000 00
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	\$368,883 00

On which the selectmen have assessed the following:

State tax,	\$768 00
County tax,	695 92
Town charges,	450 00
School tax by law,	720 00
School tax by vote,	1,280 00
School supplies,	35 00
School tuitions, academy,	335 00
School treasurer's salary,	8 00
Public library by law,	21 20
Highways including permanent road fund,	916 56
Highways to secure state aid,	174 50
Highways special appropriation,	500 00
Highways special appropriation Providence Hill,	50 00
Special moth work,	150 00
Overlay,	194 11
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	\$6,298 29

The selectmen have given orders on the Treasurer as follows:

School board on account of schools,	\$2,000 00
School board on account of tuitions,	335 00
School board on account of supplies,	35 00
School board on account of salary of treasurer,	8 00
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	\$2,378 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mitchell & Co., as per bill,	\$29 49
Courier Publishing Co., supplies,	2 32
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	\$31 81

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CEMETERY FUND

Abraham A. Dow, care Wm. C. Todd lot,	\$3 00
Abraham A. Dow, care Sarah E. Knight lot,	2 00
Abraham A. Dow, care Caroline Upton lot,	2 00
Abraham A. Dow, care Mary M. Tolman lot,	3 00
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	\$10 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX

James L. Parker, county treasurer,	\$695 92
George E. Farrar, state treasurer,	768 00
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	\$1,463 92

INSURANCE

Jay M. Goodrich, on library building,	\$37 50
Jay M. Goodrich, on books in library,	15 00
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	\$52 50

MOTH WORK

Dana D. Hinkson, spraying town trees.	\$27 75
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WORK IN CEMETERY

George B. Freeman, labor,	\$5 50
George A. Page, labor,	1 80
E. E. Sawyer, labor,	4 20
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	\$ 11 50
George B. Freeman, grading lots,	181 91

GUIDE BOARDS

Edson E. Peaslee, lumber,	\$5 30
Edson E. Peaslee, lumber and posts,	3 60
Haverhill Sign Co., painting signs,	50 00
Fred P. Wright, labor,	7 88

Abner C. Akeley,	12 62
George B. Freeman,	3 50
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	\$82 90

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

William F. Knight, cattle pass,	\$50 00
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HIGHWAYS

Walter A. Barnum, surveyor, bill labor,	\$384 55
Walter A. Barnum, surveyor, bill supplies,	5 46
City of Haverhill, rent road machine,	26 00
Good Roads Machinery Co., road hone,	22 00
Howarth Stansfield, gravel,	14 25
Walter Bridges, cutting bushes,	5 00
Walter A. Barnum, 1912,	4 25
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	\$461 51

• PROVIDENCE HILL

W. A. Barnum, labor and supplies,	\$53 23
Taylor Goodwin Co., drain pipe,	13 55
E. E. Peaslee, plank,	23 58
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	\$90 36

PERMANENT ROAD

Repairs on permanent road,	\$1,085 51
New permanent road,	2,574 20

ABATEMENTS

Ambrose D. Aldrich, soldiers' exemption,	\$900 00
George A. Davis, soldiers' exemption,	720 00
Abraham A. Dow, soldiers' exemption,	1,000 00
Samuel B. Mason, soldiers' exemption,	1,000 00
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	\$3,620 00

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Moses C. Hall, mill taxed in Danville,	\$8 65
J. W. Stickney, horse taxed in Plaistow,	1 29
Geo. W. Webster, left state,	1 73
Geo. L. Webster, left state,	1 73
Harry B. Tuttle, taxed in Nashua,	1 73
Mrs. Olive Noyes, watering trough 1913,	3 00

 \$18 13

MISCELLANEOUS

Amesbury Publishing Co., printing reports,	\$31 50
Harley J. Thurber, inventory notices,	1 32
H. E. Rollins, ballot inspector 1912,	2 00
Elmer E. Conley, ballot inspector 1912,	2 00
Wallace W. Rowell, ballot inspector 1912,	2 00
Edson C. Eastman, books and blanks,	6 54
Jay M. Goodrich, janitor and moderator,	4 50
Jay M. Goodrich, flags for Memorial day,	10 45
John J. Smith, fire warden,	23 10
John K. Mason, special police,	6 00
Herbert N. Sawyer, on account hall rent,	135 55
Abner C. Akeley, meeting tax commission,	5 00
E. E. Sawyer, meeting tax commission,	5 00
Albert P. Cole, damage by dogs,	4 55
George A. Page, stationery,	2 60
E. E. Sawyer, sundries,	17 85
A. C. Akeley, repairs on library building,	8 70
A. C. Akeley, stationery and postage,	3 80
Interest,	8 33
Town officers,	330 00
Recording deed,	72
Care of tramps,	1 50

 \$613 01

RECAPITULATION

Unexpended balances 1912 and 13,	\$1,813 26
Amount in collector's warrant,	6,298 29
Taxed later,	20 76
Received from State	
Railroad tax,	201 44
Savings bank tax,	197 93
Literary fund,	56 58
Proportion of school fund,	544 00
Insurance tax,	9 00
Forest fire allowance,	3 70
Repairs on permanent road,	532 65
Permanent road allowance,	760 56
Received from cemetery funds,	10 00
For flags from Grange and Jr. O. U. A. M.,	2 32
For hay on library land,	25 00
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	\$10,475 49

Paid out as follows:

School board,	\$2,378 00
Kimball library,	31 81
Cemetery lots, care of,	10 00
Highways,	461 51
Bridges,	50 00
Special repairs of Providence Hill,	90 36
Abatements, not including soldiers' exemption,	18 13
Moth work,	27 75
Cemetery, work in,	11 50
Cemetery, grading lots,	181 91
Guide boards,	82 90
County tax,	695 92
State tax,	768 00
Miscellaneous,	613 01
Permanent road,	2,574 20
Permanent road, repairs,	1,085 51

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Insurance,	52 50
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	\$9,133 01
Unexpended balances 1914,	604 61
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	\$9,737 62
Selectmen's balance,	737 87
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	\$10,475 49

EUGENE E. SAWYER,
GEORGE B. FREEMAN,
ABNER C. AKELEY,
Selectmen of Atkinson.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer charges himself with:	
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1913,	\$2,325 53
Received from State	
Insurance tax,	9 00
Railroad tax,	201 44
Savings bank tax,	197 93
Literary fund,	56 58
Proportion of school fund,	544 00
Highway department,	1,293 21
Forest fire bills,	3 70
Town Clerk, dog licenses,	93 40
Collector of taxes,	6,046 83
Susan M. Clarke, cemetery fund,	5 00
Pentucket bank, interest on Wm. C. Todd fund,	3 00
Pentucket bank, interest on Caroline Up- ton cemetery fund,	2 00
Haverhill savings bank, interest on S. E. Knight cemetery fund,	2 00
Essex savings bank, Mary M. Tolman, in- terest on cemetery fund,	3 00
Haverhill N. B., interest on deposit,	2 29
Geo. E. Wright, trees in cemetery,	2 00
C. B. Mason, burial lot,	2 00
Jesse Fuller, burial lot,	2 00
Atkinson Grange, for flags,	2 17
Junior Order , for flags,	15
A. C. Akeley, standing grass,	25 00
	\$10,822 23

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He credits himself as follows:

Paid Selectmen's orders,	\$9,133 01
School treasurer literary fund,	56 58
Proportion of school fund,	544 00
Balance of dog licenses , 1912,	117 80
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	\$9,851 39
Balance in hands of treasurer,	\$970 84

LIABILITIES

Balance due memorial committee,	\$1 05
Cemetery appropriation,	12 29
New cemetery appropriations,	68 09
Highway department,	145 66
Library trustees,	53 10
Permanent road building,	110 05
Repairs for permanent road,	47 14
Providence Hill road,	11 28
Fire extinguishers,	27 70
Moth appropriations,	128 25
Due school treasurer 1914, dog licenses,	88 85
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	\$693 46
Balance in favor of the town,	\$277 33

CEMETERY FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE
TOWN

S. E. Knight,	\$110 24
W. C. Todd,	320 01
Caroline Upton,	101 04
Mary M. Tolman,	103 71
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	\$635 00

GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Treasurer.

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COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Dr.

Amount in selectmen's warrant,	\$6,298 29
Assessed later,	20 76
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	\$6,319 05

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Receipts from treasurer,	\$6,046 83
Uncollected taxes,	272 22
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	\$6,319 05

SAMUEL N. LITTLE, Collector.

Atkinson, N. H., Feb. 14, 1914.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Atkinson, N. H., Feb. 25, 1914.

The auditors have examined and audited the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Collector of Taxes, Town Treasurer, and Trustees of the Public Library and find these reports to be correctly computed and properly vouched for.

GEORGE A. SAWYER, Auditor.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS ADDED DURING THE
THE YEAR ENDING FEB 15. 1914.

A.

At Seneca Castle,	Wm. W. Canfield
A plucky Girl,	May Baldwin
A Living Legacy,	Ruth Underwood
A Romance of Billy-goat Hill,	Alice H. Rice
A Vagabond Journey round the World,	Harry A. Frank
A Son of the Sun,	Jack London

D.

Dave Morrell's Battery,	Hollis Godfrey
Desert Gold,	Zane Grey

H.

His Worldly Goods,	Margaretta Tuttle
History of Salem, N. H.,	Edgar Gilbert
Historic Summer Haunts,	F. L. Bullard

K.

Katrina,	Ellen D. Deland
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L.

Lo Michael,	Grace L. H. Lutz
Laddie,	Gene S. Porter

M.

Mrs. Red Pepper,	Grace S. Richmond
Mr. Pratt's Patients,	Joseph C. Lincoln

O.

Our National Calamity,	Logan Marshall
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P.

Parrott and Co.,	Harold Mac Grath
Polly-Anna,	Eleanor H. Porter
Precious Waters,	A. M. Chisholm
Polly of Lady Gay Cottage,	Emma C. Dowd

R.

Red Pepper Burns,	Grace S. Richmond
Ranching for Sylvia,	Harold Bindloss

S.

Sue Oreutt,	Charlotte M. Vaile
Seven Maids,	Laura T. Meade

T.

The Southerner,	Thomas Dixon
The Beach Patrol,	Wm. Drysdale
The Young Super cargo,	Wm. Drysdale
The Heart of the Hills,	John Fox, Jr.
The Armchair at the Inn,	F. Hopkinson Smith
The Woman-haters,	Joseph C. Lincoln
The Inside of the Cup,	Winston Churchill
The Heart of the Nigh Wind,	Vingil Roe
The Lady Evelyn,	Max Pemberton
The Melting of Molly,	Maria T. Daviss
The Oreutt Girls,	Charlotte M. Vaile
The Lee Shore,	Rose Macaulay
The Heather -moon,	C. M. & A. M. Williamson

V.

V. V's. Eyes,	Henry S. Harrison
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W.

Wheat and Huckleberries,	Charlotte M. Vaile
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REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

 Teachers

Bertha M. Chandler,	\$36 00
Emma L. Horrocks,	48 00
Mabel L. Smith,	36 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	48 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	36 00
Bertha M. Chandler,	36 00
Mabel L. Smith,	36 00
Emma L. Horrocks,	48 00
Emma L. Horrocks,	48 00
Bertha M. Chandler,	36 00
Mabel L. Smith,	36 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	60 00
Emma L. Horrocks,	48 00
Bertha M. Chandler,	36 00
Mabel L. Smith,	36 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	48 00
Bertha M. Chandler,	36 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Mabel L. Smith,	36 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Mabel L. Smith,	36 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	48 00
Bertha M. Chandler,	18 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Mabel L. Smith,	24 00

Clarissa G. Hall,	24 00
Bertha M. Chandler,	18 00
Mabel L. Smith,	33 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	36 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	36 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Mabel L. Smith,	44 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	48 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Bertha M. Chandler,	36 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	48 00
Bertha M. Chandler,	36 00
Mabel L. Smith,	44 00
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	715 00
Bertha M. Chandler,	27 00
	840 00
	715 00
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	\$1,582 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

American.	2 17
Ginn & Co.,	5 59
Salem School District,	3 06
Hudson School District,	2 07
American Book Co.,	4 62
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	5 18
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	38 80
Hudson School District,	1 65
Edward E. Babb Co.,	1 33
Ginn & Co.,	29 62
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	\$94 09

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MUSIC

Wm. E. Hartwell,	\$21 00
Wm. E. Hartwell,	36 00
Wm. E. Hartwell,	34 00
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	\$91 00

SUPERINTENDENT

H. L. Winslow,	\$27 00
H. L. Winslow,	27 00
H. L. Winslow,	27 00
H. L. Winslow,	27 00
H. L. Winslow,	27 00
H. L. Winslow,	27 00
H. L. Winslow,	29 00
H. L. Winslow,	29 00
H. L. Winslow,	29 00
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H. L. Winslow,	29 00
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	\$336 00

REPAIRS

Mabel L. Smith,		\$1 10
O. L. Whittaker, Depot school,,	30 37	
Received from Miss Chandler, teacher at this		
school,	13 05	
Cost to the town,		17 32
O. L. Whittaker,		38 41
Ernest E. Kimball,		2 50
John Conley, pump and fitting,	7 80	
John Conley, cash,	2 00	
Expense to town,		5 80
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		\$65 13

FLAG

O. L. Whittaker,	\$2 41
H. N. Sawyer, by G. N. Goodrich,	3 04
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	\$5 45

TUITION

E. E. Sawyer,	\$150 00
E. E. Sawyer,	140 00
E. E. Sawyer,	120 00
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	\$410 00

JANITOR

Richard Heald,	\$5 50
Mabel L. Smith,	5 50
Elgin E. Reynolds,	2 25
Richard Heald,	6 90
Mabel L. Smith,	3 00
Alvin M. Whittaker,	8 06
Alvin M. Whittaker,	50
Mabel L. Smith,	3 50
H. N. Sawyer,	5 00
Richard Heald,	6 50
Bertha Chandler,	3 25
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	\$49 96

MISCELLANEOUS

A. C. Akeley, carrying children,	\$18 75
A. C. Akeley, carrying children,	25 00
Albert Little, wood,	20 00
Howard L. Winslow, postage,	95
A. C. Akeley, carrying children,	56 25
Ernest Kimball, sawing and splitting wood,	5 00
Wheeler Printing office,	7 78

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Albert Little, wood,	30 00
A. C. Akeley,	50 00
John H. Smith, wood and work,	31 27
H. N. Sawyer, wood and kindling,	15 00
H. N. Sawyer, for Mrs. Bridges, cleaning school house,	2 50
H. N. Sawyer for J. Marin & Co., coal,	29 10
George A. Page, treasurer,	8 00
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	\$299 60

ATKINSON FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1914.

Revenue

Amount of money required by law,	\$720 00
Additional voted by district meeting,	12 80
Assessed by selectmen by estimate of school board,	335 00
Supplies,	35 00
School treasurer,	8 00
Received from state,	544 00
Balance from 1913,	408 77
Literary fund,	56 53
Dog tax,	117 80
O. L. Whittaker, overdrawn,	1 05
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	\$3,506 20

EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR ENDING

FEB. 15, 1913.

Teachers,	\$1,582 00
Music, ..	91 00
Superintendent,	336 00
Repairs,	65 13
Flag,	5 45

Tuitions in Academy,	410 00
Books and supplies,	94 09
Janitor work,	49 96
Miscellaneous,	299 60
Balance unexpended,	572 97

\$3,506 20

HERBERT N. SAWYER,
CHAS. I. PRESSEY,
School Board.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer charges himself with:

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1913,	\$408 77
Received from O. L. Whittaker over charge	
on repairs on school house,	1 05
Town Treasurer, literary fund,	56 58
Proportion of school fund,	544 00
Balance of dog licenses 1912,	117 80
Received from Town Treasurer, school money	2,378 00

\$3,506 20

He credits himself as follows:

Paid school orders,	\$2,933 23
Balance in hands of treasurer,	572 97

\$3,506 20

GEORGE A. PAGE, School treasurer.

Atkinson, N. H., Feb. 24, 1914

The Auditor has examined and audited the report of the Treasurer of the School Board and finds his report to be correctly compiled and all payments properly vouched for.

GEORGE A. SAWYER, Auditor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Atkinson:

I respectfully call your attention to the statistical tables following this report. They demand your careful consideration because they show a steady progress in your schools. Since our schools are still in session the statistics given in all cases are for the school year ending last June, and are the same as those returned to the state department.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership fell from 77 to 67 but the average attendance in proportion to the total attendance increased. The per cent of the attendance 94.5 was the highest recorded at this office and higher than that of any other town in this supervisory district. Seven pupils were perfect in attendance. Last fall nearly one third of the pupils were neither absent nor tardy. Testimonials were given those perfect for the year. (For names see the roll of honor.)

Only one pupil completed the course of study and no graduation was held last June. The pupils held back, all testify now that it was to their advantage and are doing better work in consequence. An increased length of year will show its value before the coming June.

Teachers

Much to our regret we were obliged to again change teachers at the Center school, but in making the change we lost nothing but that which must always be lost before a new teacher gets adjusted to the work, and pupils get to know the new teacher. Stratton D. Brooks, President of the University of Oklahoma, formerly Superintendent of Boston's schools said recently. "A life time is none too long a term for a good teacher—a year is far too long for a poor one. It is particularly important that,

the public realize more deeply that frequent changes in the personnel of a teaching force are a serious handicap to educational progress.

Miss Mabel Smith obtained her state certificate by examination, and now three out of four of our teachers are either normal school graduates or hold the state certificate. Miss Chandler intends to pursue her studies further and that will enable us to put in a trained teacher at the Depot.

Music

Mr. Hartwell's report occurs later in this report and is worthy of your careful reading. His visits this winter have been interrupted by sickness and difficulties in getting to his schools but his good work has gone on.

Text books and Supplies

Your superintendent spent money very sparingly when first in office, not putting out a cent until he was sure it was needed. Consequently we carried over a balance of supply money last year and only a very small amount was assessed this year. This has proven far too small. New music books used up most of the assessment and other text books, absolutely necessary to good schools, have caused us to overrun the assessment and there are still bills unpaid. More money must be assessed this year.

Repairs

Renovations were made in the interior of three buildings making them very presentable. I recommend however, that modern seats and desks be provided for the Center and Depot schools, one school each year, and beginning with the Center school. The seats at the Center are much worn and consequently very noisy and hard on clothes. They are also double and a source of trouble in discipline.

Your superintendent is far from satisfied with the sanitary conditions at any of the schools. All toilets are bleak and cold. We keep them carefully inspected and clean but in no case are they accessible from the main room and at the Sawyer school one toilet is used by both boys and girls.

Compulsory Attendance

Attention should be called to the amendment made by the last General Court to the attendance law. A child is now obliged to attend school all of the time schools are in session from eight years of age until sixteen years old, unless such child shall have completed the prescribed course of study.

STATE AID

Our town benefits from the state by the following laws, which I desire to bring to the attention of our townsmen:

Literary Fund

The Literary Fund comes from taxes collected by the state on deposits, stock, and attending accumulations of depositors and stock holders of savings banks and other similar institutions who do not reside in the state or whose residence is unknown. This fund is distributed to the towns in November of each year. Our town's share of this for the past year was \$56.58.

Rebate on Tuition

The law allows school districts which do not maintain a high school to contract with an Academy or literary institution within their borders for the instruction of their pupils. This Atkinson does. The law also provides that in such cases the state shall reimburse the district up to a certain amount. This reimbursement depends upon the valuation and tax rate. Towns whose

rate of taxation for school purposes in any year is \$3.50 or more on \$1000 and whose rate of taxation for all purposes for the five years next preceding is \$16.50 or more on \$1000, shall receive a share as follows: If the tax rate is from \$18.50 to \$19.40 three-tenths of the tuition. In December of this year we received three tenths, or \$132 from the state. The actual cost to the town district this past year was therefore seven tenths of \$30 or \$21 per pupil.

State Appropriation for Superintendent

The state pays one-half of the salary of the superintendents of supervisory districts. The superintendent must be chosen from a list of persons approved and certified by the state superintendent. A candidate for the certificate must be a college graduate and in addition must pass both a written and oral examination before the state superintendent. Atkinson received — under this section.

State Appropriation for Average Attendance

A part of the money received from the state for the support of schools depends upon average attendance. To all towns having an equalized valuation per pupil of \$2000 or more and less than \$3000, \$1.50 per school week for every 25 pupils or major part thereof of average attendance for the year next preceding. In 1912 we received \$93 under this section and in 1913, \$102. We can draw even more money by increasing the average attendance. Every day that a boy or girl stays at home from school lowers the amount of money which we receive. The state wisely puts a premium on good attendance.

State Appropriation for Approved Teachers

The state pays two dollars a week to the school district for every teacher who holds a state certificate or is a graduate of an approved normal school. Under this section we drew last December \$136 and ought to draw

more this year.

MEDICAL INSPECTION

Medical inspection of school children has been felt to be a very great need all over the country and is being adopted rapidly by small as well as large communities. Realizing this need the last General Court passed an act authorizing districts to adopt medical inspection. I desire to outline this law for your consideration. An article in the warrant and a vote is necessary to adopt it.

Space forbids its complete quotation but its salient features are as follows:

1. The School Board shall appoint as school physicians only physicians with at least five years' experience. in the presence of the teacher at least once a year.

2. Such School Physician shall examine each child in the presence of the teacher at least once a year.

3. At any time the teacher shall notify any parent of signs of ill health or communicable disease and if the parent does not have the child examined by some registered physician within two days and present a certificate to that effect, the school physician shall examine the child.

4. Notice of the results of the examinations shall be sent to the parent by the school physician. In case of contagious diseases teachers shall send home suspects immediately.

5. Hearing and eyesight shall be tested by the teacher under the direction of the school physician.

6. The State Board of Health in co-operation with the Department of Public Instruction, shall prescribe directions for tests, record books, etc.

7. Parents may protest in writing against examination except in the case of contagious diseases.

8. The district may raise money for carrying out the provisions of this act.

As a public servant your superintendent realizes that

his position is no sinecure, but a few helpful and uplifting words dropped from time to time, have made his work as pleasant as he could reasonably expect. He thanks the School Board and all others who have helped to hold up his hands.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD L. WINSLOW, Supt.

ROLL OF HONOR FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR, SEPT.,
1912 TO JUNE 1913.

The following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy:

For the Year

Beatrice F. Barnum, Blanche M. Cole, Harold E. Brickett, Thelma Fuller, Bernice L. Poor, Eleanor I. Pressey, Sibyl L. Whiteneck.

For two Terms

Stella Champoux, Grace E. Cole, Ruth E. Cole, Uldene E. Kimball, Gladys M. Lucy.

For one Term

Ellen Alby, Bradford H. Babbitt, Bernice L. Barnum, Loren D. Bridges, Mattie B. Bridges, Wallace E. Card, Charles A. Collette, Alda V. Collette, Doris L. Freeman, Jessie Fuller, Austin A. Goldsmith, Florence E. Hartford, Earl Richardson, Portia A. Stansfield, Stephen M. Wheeler, Sandy W. Whiteneck.

Summary of the Roll of Honor by Schools

	Year	Two terms	One term
Center school,	1	1	3
Depot school,	2	0	7
Sawyer school,	2	3	3
North school,	2	1	3

VITAL STATISTICS FOR LAST FIVE YEARS.

School Year (Sept. to June)	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909
Total enrollment	67	77	74	78	78
Boys	30	30	28	36	30
Girls	37	47	46	42	48
Average attendance in all schools together	54	59	57	59	60
Average absence in all schools together	3	4	4	5	4
Average membership in all schools together	57	63	61	64	64
Percent of attendance in all schools together	94.5	94	94	92	94
Number of pupils not absent or tardy	7	4	5	8	8
Number of pupils attending the Academy	16	19	27	17	17
Average length of the year in weeks	34	31	30.68	32½	33 3-5
Number of different regular teachers employed	4	4	5	5	8
Average salary of teachers per month	\$42.00	\$40.00	\$40.80	\$37.60	\$34.95
Number of certified and normal school graduates	2	1	1	2	1

PROMOTION, RETARDATION, AND LOSS.

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Number of pupils promoted to next								
grade during or at the end of								
school year	3	10	3	9	8	8	7	1
Number of pupils in grade at the end								
of year not promoted	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	5
Number of pupils in grade at the end								
of year who have been there two								
years	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Number of pupils in grade at the end								
of year who have been there								
three years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of pupils in grade at the								
end of year who have been there								
more than three years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of pupils who have left								
school and whose school life has								
presumably ended during year ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average age of class at the beginning								
of school year	6-7	7-1	8-5	9-3	10	10	10-9	13-6

STATISTICAL TABLE FROM SEPT. 1912
TO JUNE 1913.

School	North			Depot			Sawyer			Center		
Teachers	*Emma L. Horrocks	*Emma L. Horrocks	*Emma L. Horrocks	**Mrs. L. E. Marble	**Mrs. L. E. Marble	**Mrs. L. E. Marble	Bertha M. Chandler	Bertha M. Chandler	Bertha M. Chandler	Mabel L. Smith	Mabel L. Smith	Mabel L. Smith
Terms	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S
Length of term	14	8	12	13	9	12	14	8	12	14	8	12
Different pupils regis- tered	18	18	21	13	12	14	21	17	17	10	9	10
Boys	8	8	9	4	3	5	10	7	7	5	5	5
Girls	10	10	12	9	9	9	11	10	10	5	4	5
Average attendance	14	15	17	13	11	12	20	14	14	10	9	10
Average absence	1	2	2	.1	.6	.3	.7	2.7	.6	.10	.1	.3
Average membership ...	15	17	19	13	12	12	21	17	15	10	9	10
Per cent attendance.....	94	90	92	99	95	98	97	84	96	98	99	96
Tardinesses	16	21	2	3	0	2	5	0	2	9	2	18
Visits, Supt.	14	7	10	9	6	10	12	7	10	8	4	7
Visits, Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visits, Others	1	1	9	5	4	2	9	8	4	13	1	17
Wages per month	48	48	48	44	48	48	36	36	36	36	36	36
Not absent or tardy	1	3	4	5	5	5	5	2	6	3	6	2

* Normal Graduate.

** State Certificate.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To Superintendent Winslow and School Board of Atkinson, N. H.:

Herewith is submitted a summary of the study of music in the schools of Atkinson for the past year, taking for my facts the conditions existing at my latest visits.

It was apparent at the close of the schools last June, that new and advanced books would be needed in nearly all of the districts, as the pupils had quite exhausted the material which had been in use during the three years ending at that time. Accordingly, about the first thing accomplished at the beginning of the school year, last September, was the introduction of new music readers, which contained many attractive songs and much difficult rhythmic work for the pupils to develop, with the aid of the French time language. Not a little rivalry exists among the schools which were supplied with the new methods, and the results obtained are most gratifying to the supervisor of music.

The schools to which were given the advanced material are the Center, Sawyer, and Depot districts, each school containing upper grade pupils, as well as those of the primary grades, making it possible to thoroughly test the methods used, and develop some very satisfactory part singing.

The work of the children of the schools at the memorial exercises, last May, was very acceptable, and showed marked improvement over the previous year.

Permission is asked to add a few words in this report with regard to the work at the Academy. The pupils seem to be much interested in this special subject, and they are improving the opportunity to learn the technical part of singing, as well as practice in the songs and exercises contained in their books. The school has been much

handicapped in not having an accompanist until recently, since which time a young lady from the Center grammar school has very acceptably filled the position.

My thanks are due to Superintendent Winslow and School Board for new material and assistance; to the teachers and pupils for painstaking work and co-operation; and to all who have in any way assisted the music teacher in the performance of his duties.

Respectfully,

W. E. HARTWELL,

Supervisor of Music.

Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 9, 1914.

BIRTHS

Feb. 10, 1913, Atkinson, N. H.—Wallace Clevesy, male. Name of parents, Joseph E. Clevesy, Viola Marshall. Residence of parents, Atkinson, N. H., Occupation of Father, Laborer. Birthplace of Father, Nova Scotia. Birthplace of Mother, Charlestown, Mass.

March 11, 1913, Atkinson, N. H.—Dorothy Nettie Benney, female. Name of parents, Wilson Benney, Alice M. Blaisdell. Residence of parents, Atkinson, N. H. Occupation of Father, Shoecutter. Birthplace of Father, Paris, Me. Birthplace of Mother, Haverhill, Mass.

March 12, 1913, Atkinson, N. H.—Huntington, male. Name of Parents, John Huntington, Jennie Jordan. Residence of Parents, Atkinson, N. H. Occupation of Father, Farmer. Birthplace of Father, Litchfield, Me., Birthplace of Mother, Lewiston, Me.

April 8, 1913, Atkinson, N. H.—Hilda Kimball Freeman, female. Name of parents, George B. Freeman, Nellie A. Welch. Residence of Parents, Atkinson, N. H. Occupation of Father, Farmer. Birthplace of Father, Haverhill, Mass. Birthplace of Mother, Haverhill, Mass.

June 29, 1913, Atkinson, N. H.—Josephine Edith Lucy, female. Name of parents, J. Page Lucy, Maud E. Spreir. Residence of Parents, Atkinson, N. H. Occupation of Father, Farmer. Birthplace of Father, Nottingham, N. H. Birthplace of Mother, Canada.

Sept. 29, 1913, Atkinson, N. H.—Dorothy Helen Gibb, female. Name of parents, Oscar E. Gibb, Nellie May Jones. Residence of parents, Atkinson, N. H. Occupation of Father, School Principal. Birthplace of Father, Onleaux, Vt. Birthplace of Mother, Lyndenville, Vt.

MARRIAGES.

May 28, 1913 by Rev. R. Albert Goodwin, clergyman, Atkinson, N. H. Name of Groom, Clarence Lawrence Hicks, 46, Haverhill, Mass., Shoemaker. Place of birth, Derry, N. H. Name of Father, Peter Hicks. Place of Birth, Quebec. Occupation, Shoemaker. Name of Mother, Hannah Chase. Place of Birth, Salem, N. H. Occupation, Housekeeper. Name of Bride, Alfreda Cynthia Swett, 56, Haverhill, Mass. Occupation, Housekeeper. Place of Birth, Epsom, N. H. Name of Father, Jacob F. Smith. Place of Birth, Raymond, N. H. Occupation, Shoemaker. Name of Mother, Cynthia A. Johnson. Place of Birth, Allenstown, N. H. Occupation, Housekeeper.

June 11, 1913 by Carl F. Henry, Minister North Attleboro, Mass. Name of groom, Roger F. Etz, 27, Concord, N. H. Occupation, Minister. Place of Birth, Akron, Ohio. Name of Father, George E. Etz. Place of Birth, Decatur, Ill. Occupation, Shipping Clerk. Name of Mother, Frances A. Rogers. Place of Birth, Elverton, Ohio. Occupation, Housewife. Name of bride, Verta A. Smith, 30, Atkinson, N. H. Place of Birth, Bradford, Mass. Name of Father, John H. Smith. Place of Birth, Salem, N. H. Occupation, Farmer. Name of Mother, Albina M. Little. Place of Birth, Atkinson, N. H.

Sept. 15, 1913 Rev. R. Albert Goodwin, clergyman, Atkinson, N. H. Name of Groom, Hayden Little Brown, 25, Atkinson, N. H. Occupation, Automobile Agent. Place of Birth, West Newbury. Name of Father, Gilman W. Brown. Place of Birth, West Newbury. Occupation, Inventor. Name of Bride, Mary Alice Page, 19, Atkinson, N. H. Occupation, Student. Place of Birth, Atkinson, N. H. Name of Father, George A. Page. Place of Birth, Atkinson, N. H. Occupation, Farmer.

Name of Mother, Nellie J. Morse. Place of Birth, Derry, N. H. Occupation, Housewife.

DEATHS.

Feb. 16, 1913, Atkinson, N. H. Mary E. Smart, 73 years, one month. Place of Birth, Stow, Me. Place of Birth Father and Mother, Stow, Me. Name of Father, Solomon Eastman. Name of Mother, Dresser. Disease, Hernia Strangulated.

March 6, 1913, Atkinson, N. H. Avis Emma Fuller, 29 years, three months. Place of Birth, Small Point, Me. Place of Birth Father, Small Point. Name of Father, Joseph Wallace. Name of Mother, Laura Wallace. Disease, Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

March 16, 1913, Atkinson, N. H. Annie M. Tilton, 67 years, 4 months, 16 days. Place of Birth, South Paris, Me. Occupation Housewife. Name of Father, Thomas True. Cause of Death, Pneumonia.

April 9, 1913 Atkinson, N. H. Fannie M. Truax, 53, years, 9 months. Place of Birth, Raymond, N. H. Occupation, Housewife. Place of Birth of Father, Chester, N. H., of Mother, Raymond, N. H. Name of Father, John S. Marden. Maiden Name of Mother, Mary Lane. Cause of Death, Pulmonary Phthisis.

April 27, 1913 Atkinson, N. H. Marion G. Freeman, one year three months, twenty three days. Place of birth Father, Haverhill, Mass., of Mother, Haverhill, Mass. Name of Father, George B. Freeman. Maiden

Name of Mother, Nellie A. Welch. Cause of Death, Infection of Kidneys.

July 17, 1913 Atkinson, N. H. Rosella R. Hall, 73 years, 1 month, 8 days. Place of Birth, Dixfield, Me. Place of Birth of Father, Dixfield, Me., of Mother, Dixfield, Me. Name of Father, Erastus Hall. Maiden Name of Mother, Sara Richmond. Cause of Death, Cancer of Stomach.

Sept. 2, 1913 Atkinson, N. H. Peter S. Fuller, 85, years, 4 months, 5 days. Place of Birth, Quebec. Occupation, Farmer. Place of Birth of Father, Lisbon, Vt., of Mother, Lisbon, N. H. Name of Father, Lemuel Fuller. Maiden Name of Mother, Betsy Sherman. Cause of Death, Gastritis.

Sept. 13, 1913 Atkinson, N. H. Eliza Poor Noyes, 81 years, 8 days. Place of Birth, Atkinson, N. H. Place of Birth of Father, Atkinson, N. H., of Mother, Hampstead, N. H. Name of Father, George Poor, Maiden Name of Mother, Charlotte Smith. Cause of Death, Apoplexy.

September 26, 1913 Atkinson, N. H. Benjamin H. Steele, 89 years, 8 months, 28 days. Place of Birth, Haverhill. Occupation, Carpenter. Place of Birth of Father, Haverhill, Mass., of Mother, Haverhill. Name of Father, Benjamin Steele. Maiden Name of Mother, Mary C. Kimball. Cause of Death, Senile Debility.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Clerk.

